

## On Demand Writing Prompt

Situation: Abraham Lincoln is remembered as one of the greatest men of all time. He overcame many difficulties and was a determined learner. His powerful words led our country through its most difficult time.

**Task:** Using information you learned in class about Abraham Lincoln, write an article for the class newsletter to explain why learning about Abraham Lincoln is important to your life. Articles will be read by the writers to primary students.

As a \_\_\_\_\_ I am writing a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ because  
(role) (mode) (purpose)

(situation)

Example:

As a concerned citizen, I am writing a letter to the editor to voters because I want them to vote for John Smith for Judge.

Scoring Rubric	
0	Lacks purpose & awareness of audience; lacks idea development & support; demonstrates random organization; lacks transitional elements; demonstrates incorrect sentence structure
1	Attempts to establish purpose; lacks focus; limited awareness of audience's needs; limited idea development, few details, weak support; weak organization; ineffective sentence structure; lack of control in grammar; incorrect/ineffective word choice; lack of control in correctness
2	Logical organization with coherence lapses; some transitional elements; simple or awkward sentence structure; errors in grammar/usage that do not interfere with communication; simplistic/imprecise word choice; some errors in correctness that do not interfere with communication
3	Establishes & maintains focused purpose; awareness of audience's needs; conveys voice and/or appropriate tone; depth of idea development and sufficient details/support; logical coherent organization; transitional elements throughout, control and variety in sentence construction; control of grammar and usage; acceptable word choice; few errors in correctness
4	Maintains an authentic and insightful purpose; strong awareness of audience's needs; distinctive voice and/or appropriate tone; reflective, analytical or insightful idea development; specific support; careful and/or subtle organization; varied and subtle transitional elements; control and variety in sentence structure; control of grammar and usage; accurate, rich and/or precise word choice; control of correctness